



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

KWOK et al.

Group Art Unit: 3761

Appln. No.: 10/068,963

Examiner: Darwin P. Erez

Filed: February 11, 2002

Title: NASAL MASK AND MASK CUSHION THEREFOR

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**COMMUNICATION TO EXAMINER**

Attached is an Information Disclosure Statement citing two U.S. Applications as well as Form PTO 1449 (10 pages) which is submitted herewith to supplant the Form PTO 1449 form originally submitted in this application on February 11, 2002.

In comparison with the originally filed Form PTO-1449s, there are two mistakes that have been changed herein: 1. on page 2 of Form PTO-1449, the reference to Jackson, U.S. Pat. 1,653,592, issued 12/20/27 was entered as a typographical error, the correct citation is listed just below under U.S. Pat. No. 1,653,572. Accordingly, U.S. Patent No. 1,653,592 is crossed-out, and no copy will be provided; and 2. on page 5 of Form PTO-1449 U.S. Pat. 5,649,532 should be identified as Griffiths and U.S. Pat. 5,649,533 should be identified as Oren.

During a personal interview with Examiner Erez on August 8, 2002, Applicant's representative hand-delivered a series of (5) five bound notebooks containing a copy of each reference that Applicants would like to have made of record in regard to co-pending Application No. 10/067,772. The enclosed Forms PTO-1449 include a listing of all of the references listed on the 1449's that were filed with Application No. 10/067,722. The references contained in those notebooks also pertain to the references cited in the instant application.

Applicant believes no fee is due for this submission. However, if the Examiner deems it necessary to charge additional fees under the Rule 17(p), he is authorized to charge said fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 74066/290534.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss this matter, he is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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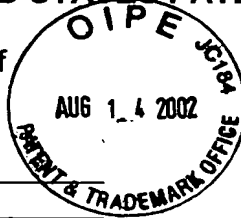
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**IDS LETTER CITING APPLICATION(S)  
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The Examiner's attention is directed to the following application(s) of:

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| DE                      | KWOK et al.                        | 10/067,722<br>Feb. 8, 2002       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spec <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current Claims<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| I                       | KWOK et al                         | 10/166,282<br>June 11, 2002      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spec <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current Claims<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other |

**PLEASE DO NOT PRINT** the above information on the patent which results from the subject application.

Consideration of each listed application is earnestly solicited since unpublished patent applications are contemplated as IDS material; see the exception in Rule 98(a)(2)(iii) and note the penultimate sentence of MPEP 609.

Further, in keeping with MPEP 609, Subsec. C(2), 2nd para., line 10 to end of the paragraph (especially note lines 18-25) **PLEASE RETURN A COPY OF THIS LETTER** with the Examiner's initials adjacent each above listing so that applicant will know that each listed application has been considered as required by PTO policy.

**Secondly**, please consider each enclosed document which is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and return a copy of that form with the Examiner's initials adjacent each citation.

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